

## Santa Barbara Harbor & Seafood Festival

Saturday, October 12

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free Admission

[www.HarborFestival.org](http://www.HarborFestival.org)

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## 2013 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The City of Santa Barbara will be holding a vote-by-mail general municipal election on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 for the Mayor and three City Council seats and one ballot measure. Voters will be able to return the ballots via pre-paid postage or in person at four drop-off centers throughout the City.

### Important Election Dates

- ✓ October 7 – Voter information packets mailed
- ✓ October 21 – Last day to register to vote
- ✓ November 5 – Last day to drop off ballots

For additional election-related information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 564-5309 or visit the City's website at [www.SBCityVote.org](http://www.SBCityVote.org).

**Voice your choice.**

## ELECCIÓN GENERAL MUNICIPAL DEL 2013

La Ciudad de Santa Bárbara llevará a cabo una elección general municipal de voto por correo el martes 5 de noviembre del 2013, para Alcalde y tres puestos en el Concejo Municipal y 1 Propuesta de Medida. Los votantes podrán retornar las boletas a través del correo con sello postal pre-pagado o podrán entregarlas personalmente en cuatro centros de recolección de votos que habrá por toda la ciudad.

### Fechas Importantes de la Elección

- ✓ 7 de octubre – Sale por correo la información para el votante
- ✓ 21 de octubre – Último día para registrarse para votar
- ✓ 5 de noviembre – Último día para entregar la balota

Para recibir información adicional sobre la elección, por favor póngase en contacto con la Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad llamando al teléfono 564-5309 o visite el sitio web de la Ciudad en [www.SBCityVote.org](http://www.SBCityVote.org).

**Su voto es su voz.**

## 2013 WATERWISE GARDEN CONTEST WINNER

Christine Nolte of Santa Barbara has been awarded the WaterWise Garden Contest City of Santa Barbara first place award and the Countywide grand prize for her beautiful and sustainable front yard. Christine, a graduate of the Green Gardener Program, designed her garden to attract butterflies and native pollinators as well as capture the runoff from her roof to reduce the amount of potable City water needed to water her plants. Combining mostly drip irrigation with a few sprinklers for the high traffic parkway, she is able to irrigate her garden with very little water.

Christine took advantage of the City's Smart Landscape Rebate last year and pulled out her old high-water lawn and junipers. She designed the garden herself, complete with a wide variety of water wise and native plants, permeable pavers, efficient irrigation, a monarch butterfly garden, and a drywell to percolate roof runoff into the soil. Christine also carefully monitors her sprinkler timer and sets the watering times to vary with the seasons so her plants are never

over-watered. As part of her contest winnings, Christine was awarded a nursery gift certificate and a beautifully engraved sandstone boulder to display in her front yard.

The first annual Water Wise Garden Recognition Contest was launched this spring to celebrate attractive and water efficient residential gardens in Santa



Christine Nolte and her award-winning garden

Barbara County. In Santa Barbara, an average of 50 percent of the water used in a home goes toward landscape irrigation. Water wise gardens demonstrate that a landscape can include lush plantings and flowers, attract wildlife, are easy to maintain, and save money on water bills. For more information, visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise). Let's Save Together!

## ANNUAL RECRUITMENT FOR CITY ADVISORY GROUPS

Would you like to play an important role in shaping your community? If you are interested in contributing ideas and making a difference, apply to serve on a City Advisory Group. The City is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity at all levels of the organization. There are currently 65 vacancies.

For more information, visit  
**[www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov)**

Apply by Tuesday, October 8.

## GET FIT FOR FALL...

### New Activity Guide Available Online

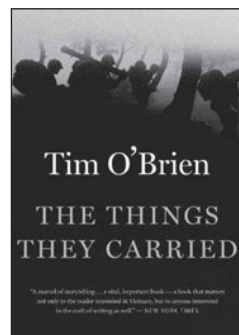
If you would like to add some exercise to your life, try something creative, or get your family involved in new activities, check out the new Parks & Recreation Activity Guide at **[www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov)**.

Inside you'll find a wide selection of afterschool sports and youth programs, adult sports programs, dance and fitness classes, and facility rentals.



## THE BIG READ

The Santa Barbara Public Library System presents a community reading program on *The Things They Carried*, a moving and compelling novel by Tim O'Brien about the experiences of American soldiers who served in Vietnam. Copies of the book are available at all local libraries.



### Free events during October and November:

- kickoff event on Oct. 3 • panel discussions • public readings
- film screenings • theatre performances

Award-winning author, Vietnam veteran, and captivating speaker Tim O'Brien will appear in a free public talk on October 23 at 7 p.m. at the Marjorie Luke Theatre.

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

For more information, visit **[SBPLibrary.org](http://SBPLibrary.org)**

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

Join us for the next Community Cleanup event on Saturday, October 12 and give Santa Barbara neighborhoods some love! Volunteers will have the opportunity to improve local neighborhoods by picking up litter, removing graffiti, and planting trees. Make this the year that you get involved! Afterwards, come enjoy family festivities at Ortega Park.

### Meet at one of the following locations:

**Eastside:** Ortega Park  
600 block of Salsipuedes St.  
9 a.m. - noon (all equipment will be provided)

**Westside:** Calvary Baptist Church  
736 W. Islay  
FREE pancake breakfast 7:30-9 a.m.  
9 a.m. - noon (all equipment will be provided)

*Non-Stop* Portland YEAR-ROUND!  
*Alaska Airlines*

## Cash for Making Your Garden More Water Wise!

**Get A Rebate of Up to 50%**  
of the Material Costs of Approved  
Irrigation Equipment, Water Wise  
Plants and Mulch, and Smart  
Irrigation Controllers.

Any combination of irrigation  
equipment and planting costs  
may **qualify for a one-time,  
maximum rebate of \$1,000!**



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

call 564-5460, or visit  
**[www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise)**

 **water wise**  
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